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God Won't Give You
More Than You
Can Handle?

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Prelude

Hymn to Joy
Dorian Bells

Arr. Lauran Delancy
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Introit

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Arr. Donald Moore
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Welcome

† Opening Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH 127

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

Blessing for Children

Prayers of the People

*A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying.
Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

Amen

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WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

1 Corinthians 10:13 (CEB)

No temptation has seized you that isn't common for people. But God is faithful. He won't allow you to be tempted beyond your abilities. Instead, with the temptation, God will also supply a way out so that you will be able to endure it.

Psalm 46:1-2

God is our refuge and strength, a help always near in times of great trouble. That's why we won't be afraid when the world falls apart, when the mountains crumble into the center of the sea...

Scriptural Response

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

God Will Make a Way

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Message

"God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle?"

Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

I Know the Lord's Laid His Hand on Me

Arr. Patricia Hurlbutt

Dorian Bells

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† **Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

Prayer of Confession

All: God of Mercy, we long to come when you call, yet often do not. When we are most alone, we fail to turn to you. When we are most afraid, we do not always think we can turn to you. When we are lost, hurting, and in pain, we fail to realize how much we suffer. We refuse to ask for help. We lash out at others. We numb our hearts. We hide. Forgive us. But you, O God, are faithful. You see us and know us and love us as we are. In times of trial, you show us the way through. Receive us once more, and have mercy on us. As we seek your presence, help us place our trust in the grace of your heart, and help us begin again.

One: Anything we have done, God knows already. Anything we have hidden, God has already seen. God's love for us and grace to us are higher than we have imagined, deeper than we have guessed. Before we have asked, God's mercies are already given. Let us remember that God does not forsake our struggles, but lights the path toward hope and joy. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† Closing Hymn

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

UMH 133

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Lean - - - ing, lean - - - ing, safe and secure from all alarms;
lean - - - ing, lean - - - ing, leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Lean - - - ing, lean - - - ing, safe and secure from all alarms;
lean - - - ing, lean - - - ing, leaning on the everlasting arms.

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Lean - - - ing, lean - - - ing, safe and secure from all alarms;
lean - - - ing, lean - - - ing, leaning on the everlasting arms.

† **Benediction**

Postlude

Chaconne

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